



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

October 6, 2021

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -3.20, up 0.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs saw a slight uptick but remains lackluster in the near-term despite increased retail feature activity over the past week. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are declining with a moderate level of offerings and adequate supplies. Demand remains limited and movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower as supplies remain adequate for moderate offerings. Movement is moderate as marketers are interested in keeping stocks current for the anticipated autumn rise in demand. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady on moderate supplies and offerings. Interest is good but measured, schedules full-time, and trading is moderate to active. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp drop in activity with a sharp rise in the average ad price on the limited test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	321,255,935	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	1.8%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	315,491,600	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	82.2%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	259,450,080	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	79,641,566	(30.70% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	179,808,514	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	499,468	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

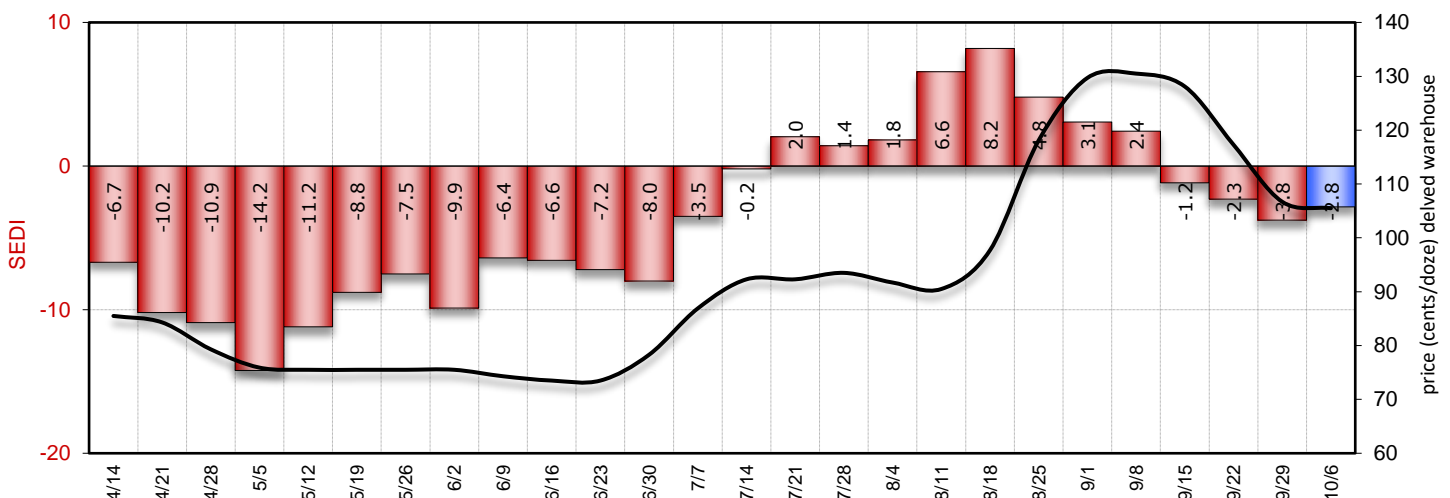
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,661,800	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	63.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	314,665	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%)) (786,662 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.11	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.28	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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-3.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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